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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 12 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia*

Other matters

Morning**	4064th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1999/1127)

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

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Announcement

An open briefing by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Morning*	4065th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1999/1087)

Morning**	4066th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4064th meeting.

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MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1417th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye, Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 *(item 100 (e))* and A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/54/L.31

2. Sectoral policy questions [98]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.27

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and A/C.2/54/L.29

4. Training and research [102]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.30

5. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.32

6. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (c) Trade and development (A/54/15 and Parts I-V, A/54/304, A/54/392, A/54/486, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 4

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development (A/54/15 and Parts I-V, A/54/304, A/54/392, A/54/486, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/ 286, A/54/414)

Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Refugees and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

2. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/500)

   Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/54/206 A/C.5/54/22 and A/54/7/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 2

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153] (A/54/515)

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152] (A/54/10, A/54/266)

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3/Rev.1

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (item 161) (A/C.6/54/L.13)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [item 160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
2. Draft report

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	248th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 12 November 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place *today*, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 (Eradication of poverty) and A/C.2/54/L.11 (International migration and development) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 12 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)
(on the Committee on Information)

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 97 (c): specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of the land-lock developing countries; item 98 (b) (Trade and development); and item 99 (f) (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's))

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW))

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209B

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution on item 101 (a): World Summit for Children)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all draft resolution related to environment and development)

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 (debt), L.3 (poverty), L.4 (science and technology), L.5 (economic and technical cooperation among developing countries), L.8 (desertification) and L.14 (implementation of Agenda 21))

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 15 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 53rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie [25]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/397)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.25)
2. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: draft resolution (A/54/L.21/Rev.1) [14]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin consideration of the remaining item on its agenda, namely, item 91 (Questions relating to information) on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 91 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The agenda of the meeting will be the following:

1. Briefing by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC)

2. Consideration of the draft decision of the Commission on Human Rights at its fourth special session entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor" (E/1999/23/Add.1)

3. Election of one member for the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

4. Consideration of the draft decision entitled "Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the World summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session" (E/1999/L.60)

5. Other matters.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742· fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Panel discussions

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

Mr. Vladimir Fenopetov, Head of the Programme for Central and Eastern Europe, and West and Central Asia of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, will hold an informal briefing on the theme "Drug Threat from Afghanistan via Central Asia" on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, to be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites all interested members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations to a briefing with Ms. Catherine von Heidenstam, Chairperson of the Working Group on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on "The Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict", which will take place on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

52nd plenary meeting

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [165]

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian States), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Saint Kitts and Nevis (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and the United States (as host country).

The President declared closed the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 165.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 28th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee held general debate on agenda item 66 (Question of Antarctica), in which it heard statements made by the representatives of Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.58 without a vote.

The Chairman declared the work of the First Committee for the fifty-fourth session closed.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [86]

The general debate on agenda item 86 was concluded with statements by the representatives of Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Egypt, Iraq, Uruguay (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), Belarus, Peru, Ukraine and Pakistan.

The delegations of Malaysia, Monaco and Mongolia became co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.20.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of his position after the decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, in the afternoon, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 91 (Questions relating to information). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Macroeconomic policy issues [97]

(c) Trade and development

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the President of the Trade and Development Board.

The Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand briefed the Committee on UNCTAD X.

The Committee then had an exchange of views during which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, the President of the Trade and Development Board, and the Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand, responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Philippines, Guyana, Egypt, Belarus and Costa Rica, as well as by the observers for the European Community and the Organization of African Unity.

38th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The Committee began consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta aligned themselves with the statement), Togo, the Lao People's Republic, the United States, Maldives, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Nepal, Burkina Faso, Zambia, Japan, Benin, Norway, Haiti, the Russian Federation, China, Uganda and Nigeria.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 99 (f) and 99 as a whole.

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania, Australia, Cuba, Nigeria, Armenia, Benin, Uganda, Mexico, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of CARICOM) as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the work of the Committee.

43rd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Belarus, Panama, the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Uganda and Uzbekistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Belize, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Madagascar, the Republic of Moldova, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. However, the Committee was advised that the statement from the Controller read out by the Secretary at the 41st meeting, regarding draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50, applied also to draft resolution A/C.3/54/ L.49.

The Secretary read out the correction that had been made to the text when introduced.

The representative of Finland announced that Eritrea, Indonesia, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Cambodia, the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Jamaica, Malawi, Mozambique, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, the United States and Uruguay.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/54/265.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Human Rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. The Secretary read out the correction that had been made to the text when it was introduced.

The representative of Mexico announced that Nicaragua and Portugal had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative ap proaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Israel, Eritrea, Norway and Haiti.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey, Estonia, Rwanda, China, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Iraq and Indonesia, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee then concluded the general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e).

Organization of work

It was announced that on Monday, 15 November, in the afternoon, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.4, L.21, L.22 and L.23, under agenda item 107; A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1, under agenda item 114, and A/C.3/54/L.27, under agenda item 115.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part VIII: Common support services

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part VIII and heard statements by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Uganda, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Algeria, Australia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of Part VIII of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part IX: Internal oversight

Section 28. Internal oversight

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29. Jointly financed administrative activities

Section 30. Special expenses

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Parts IX and X of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

Part IX: Internal oversight

Section 28. Internal oversight

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Algeria, Uganda, the United States, Cuba, Canada, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan and Australia.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 28 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29. Jointly financed administrative activities

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania requested that the statement of the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit be distributed.

36th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29. Jointly financed administrative activities

The Committee continued its general discussion on this section.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States and Australia.

The representative of Japan spoke on sections 29 and 30.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 30. Special expenses

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Pakistan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 30 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Section 31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

Part XII: Staff assessment

Section 32. Staff assessment

Part XIII: Development Account

Section 33. Development Account

Estimates of income

Income section:

1. Income from staff assessment

2. General income

3. Services to the public

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Parts XI to XIII and the Income Section of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Section 31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Pakistan and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 32. Staff assessment

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part XIII: Development Account

Section 33. Development Account

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, Mexico, Algeria, Chile, Brazil, Japan, Cuba, Canada, Ecuador, Israel and the Dominican Republic.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 33 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Estimates of income

Income section:

1. Income from staff assessment

2. General income

3. Services to the public

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Cuba, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Algeria and Australia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of the income sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [161]

The Chairman spoke.

The President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal addressed the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Sri Lanka, Guatemala, Italy, the Niger and Greece.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on item 161.

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.13 on agenda item 161.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156]

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.4 on agenda item 156.

Armenia, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Egypt, Indonesia, Peru, Thailand, Ukraine and Venezuela joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.4 without a vote.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Strengthening of the International Court of Justice

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.5.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.5 without a vote.

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397th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the periodic report of Finland (CAT/C/44/Add.6). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

398th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the second periodic report of Malta and continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Austria.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 395th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

A musical event of Uzbek songs, music and dances, entitled "Pearls of the East", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations in connection with the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan in the United States, will be held *today*, 12 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non- governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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